(1) how many Jew boys and girls are now in the Sirkar High Schools and Colleges;

(2) of these how many receives stipends similar to what Muhammadan boys do receive;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state whether any officers of the Government drawing Rs. 500 and above are now acting as Directors of Companies, Banks, etc., situate or carrying on business (i) in Cochin and (ii) outside the Cochin State, whether they have sought the permission of the Government for so acting?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) College— one Jew boy. High Schools—two Jew boys.

(2) None.

(3) Yes; in Cochin; under proper sanction.

Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

129. Dr. A G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table The papers regarding Mr. Bhore's Irrigation Scheme?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The papers, *viz.*, the report of the Special Irrigation Engineer and the estimate drawn up for the work are placed on the Council Table.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, the records are placed on the Table. We have not sufficient time to go through the whole record in 10 or 15 minutes. It covers about 150 pages of typed matter. Our object was that Government will get it printed as an appendix or print it. The object of my question was to supply us with a copy so that we may study them and a cursory perusal of 150 or 200 pages in five minutes is impossible.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Will it satisfy the Member if in the next meeting of the Council a succinct account is placed?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, thank you.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I am just reading through the 150 pages. It has frightened me also.

Water Supply at Ernakulam.

130. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether any orders have been issued by the Chief Engineer not to lay any new mains on the Ernakulam roads and not to give any new house connections until further orders from him;

(b) if so, was the Ernakulam Municipal Council consulted in the matter before such orders were issued;

(c) whether such orders were issued with the approval of the Government;

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(d) what was the necessity, if any, for issuing such orders ;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the issue of such orders causes considerable hardship to the inhabitants of the town especially to house owners who have no water connections put up in their house and to those who live near new roads with no mains laid there ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan. — (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) The maximum supply available from the Head Works at present was found insufficient for the existing distribution system.

(e) The matter will be looked into.

131. Mr. K.P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of cancelling the Chief Engineer's order not to give any new house connections or to lay any new street mains or hydrants ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is yes, will the Government be pleased to inform their decision in the matter ;

(c) will the Government be pleased to inform this Council whether a brother of the acting Chief Engineer who is employed in the Madras Corporation Water Works inspected our Water Works Head Office at Chowwara ; if so, at whose instance was the same done ;

(d) was it after such inspection, that the acting Chief Engineer issued the aforesaid order ? (Vide Question (a.)

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Government have approved of the Chief Engineer's order not to give any service connections. The reasons that led to this order apply also to new street mains and hydrants. They have not yet considered whether it is necessary to cancel the order.

(b) Requires no answer.

(c) Yes.

At the instance of the acting Chief Engineer.

(d) It was after that, not on account of it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sir, I request that I may be allowed to put supplementary questions on questions 130 and 131 together.

Deputy President.—Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to 130 (e) is "the matter will be looked into". Then with reference to 131 (a) the last sentence is " they have not considered whether it is necessary to cancel the order". That is the answer. Now, may

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